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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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P, Y	WO 02 066016 A (LOHMANN THERAPIE SYST LTS ;KRUMME MARKUS (DE); BRANDT PETRA (DE);) 29 August 2002 (2002-08-29) the whole document page 8, line 4-8 page 17, line 29 -page 18, line 9 claim 12 --- -/--	1-18

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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Continuation of I.2

The current Claims 1-2 and 15 relate to a product and method defined by the following parameters:

P1: the preparation has a peroxide number of at most 40 (or 15 or 5).

The use of these parameters in the given context has to appear as lacking in clarity (PCT Article 6). It is impossible to compare the parameters selected by the applicant with the relevant prior art disclosure. The lack of clarity is such as to make it impossible to conduct a meaningful complete search. The search was therefore limited to the antioxidants in Claim 4. The general concept underlying the present invention was thus taken into account.

The current Claims 1-2 and 15 relate to a product and method defined by a desirable characteristic or property, namely "the preparation has a peroxide number of at most 40 (or 15 or 5)".

The claims therefore encompass all products, etc., that have this characteristic or property, but the application provides support by the description (PCT Article 5) for only a limited number of such products, etc. In the present case the claims lack the proper support and the application lacks the requisite disclosure to such an extent that it appears impossible to carry out a meaningful search covering the entire range of protection sought. Moreover, the claims also lack the requisite clarity (PCT Article 6) since they attempt to define the product in terms of the desired result. This lack of clarity too is such that it is impossible to carry out a meaningful search covering the entire scope of protection sought. Therefore, the search was directed to the parts of the claims that appear to be clear, supported or disclosed in the above sense, that is the parts concerning the antioxidants in Claim 4. The general concept underlying the present invention was thus taken into account.

The applicant is advised that claims or parts of claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established normally cannot be the subject of an international preliminary examination (PCT Rule 66.1(e)). In its capacity as International Preliminary Examining

Authority the EPO generally will not carry out a preliminary examination for subjects that have not been searched. This also applies to cases where the claims were amended after receipt of the international search report (PCT Article 19) or where the applicant submits new claims in the course of the procedure under PCT Chapter II.

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